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Nomination of members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

Addendum

Note by the Secretary-General

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Annex

Background information on candidates nominated to fill positions on the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

Jeremy Travis (United States of America)

Jeremy Travis is the Director of the National Institute of Justice, the research agency of the United States Department of Justice. Mr. Travis has served in this position since 1994, when he was nominated by President Bill Clinton and confirmed by the United States Senate.

During his tenure, Mr. Travis has initiated a broader agenda in all of the Institute's mission areas of the National Institute of Justice. In collaboration with other federal agencies, the Institute has developed initiatives on police integrity, policing in emerging democracies, drug treatment, restorative justice and research on violence against women. In response to the 1994 Crime Act, the Institute has launched a multi-year research and evaluation programme that will commit more than $100 million to assessing the impact of the key innovations supported under the legislation: community policing, violence against women, sentencing and correctional reform, and drug courts. The Institute is also a partner in a programme with the United States Defense Department that will allocate more than $50 million to develop dual-use technologies that meet civilian law enforcement and defence needs.

The Institute's intramural research capabilities have been enhanced, its staff researchers focusing on such issues as an examination of crime rate changes during the past 10 years in 75 American cities. Communication of research findings to the field has been significantly expanded through both print and electronic media. And the Institute has joined 11 other criminological institutes around the world as a member of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network.

Before joining the National Institute of Justice, Mr. Travis was the Deputy Commissioner for Legal Matters of the New York City Police Department. In that position, he served as adviser to the Police Commissioner and as General Counsel to the Department and oversaw the Legal Bureau, the License Division and the Criminal Justice Bureau. While with the Department, Mr. Travis also developed the Civil Enforcement Initiative, which provided lawyers as counsel to police precincts. That programme received a 1995 Innovations in American Government Award from the Ford Foundation and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Mr. Travis also authored New York City's ban on assault weapons; introduced new technologies into the arrest process; drafted the Police Department's quality-of-life strategy, entitled "Reclaiming New York's Public Spaces"; and, as chairman of the Chancellor's Advisory Panel on School Safety, developed a proposal for a new approach to school violence.

In a previous position, Mr. Travis served as Chief Counsel to the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice for the United States House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary. Working with the subcommittee chairman, Representative Charles E. Schumer, Mr. Travis developed new agenda for oversight hearings and legislative initiatives on criminal justice issues.

Prior to that, Mr. Travis was Special Advisor to Mayor Edward I. Koch of New York City. Among other tasks, Mr. Travis conducted a management and legal review of the City Human Rights Commission, coordinated the city's implementation of the federal immigration legalization programme, formed the Commission to Establish the High School Institute for Law and Justice, established the Mayor's Advisory Council on Community Relations following the Howard Beach incident, and served as the coordinator of the Mayor's Office of Educational Services.

Before becoming Special Advisor to the Mayor, Mr. Travis was Special Counsel to the First Deputy Mayor and Assistant Director for Law Enforcement Services for the City of New York and, earlier, was Special Counsel to the Police Commissioner for the New York City Police Department. In addition to his many consulting and research positions, Mr. Travis's extensive legal and criminal justice experience includes serving as Law Clerk to Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Executive Director for the New York City Criminal Justice Agency and Executive Director of the Victim/Witness Assistance Project for the Vera Institute of Justice.

Mr. Travis has lectured and taught courses on criminal justice, public policy and history at the New York Law School, the New York University Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, and Yale College. He was the Marden and Marshall Fellow in Criminal Law at the New York University School of Law, Center for Research in Crime and Justice.

The recipient of a J.D., *cum laude*, from the New York University School of Law, Mr. Travis was a member of the Law Review and was awarded the Arthur Garfield Hays Fellowship in Civil Liberties. He also holds an M.P.A. from the New York University Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and a B.A., *cum laude*, with honours in American Studies from Yale College. His publications include "Rethinking sovereign immunity after Bivens" in the *New York University Law Review*; "Compliance strategies for draft registration" (with James B. Jacobs) in the *Arizona Law Review*; "A modest proposal to end gun running in America" (with William Smarrito) in the *Fordham Urban Law Journal*; "Using subpoenas to obtain police records" (with Thomas P. Doepfner) in the *New York Law Journal*; and *Rethinking School Safety*, the report of the New York City Chancellor's Advisory Panel on School Safety, which he chaired.